

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

DON YOUNG ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH CARE LAND TRANSFERS ACT OF 2022

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 441) to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 441

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Don Young Alaska Native Health Care Land Transfers Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) **CONSORTIA.**—The term “Consortia” means the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

(2) **COUNCIL.**—The term “Council” means the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCES OF PROPERTY.

(a) **CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE TANANA TRIBAL COUNCIL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable, but not later than 180 days, after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the Council all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in paragraph (2) for use in connection with health and social services programs.

(2) **PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**—The property referred to in paragraph (1), including all land, improvements, and appurtenances, described in this paragraph is the property included in U.S. Survey No. 5958 in the village of Tanana, Alaska, within surveyed lot 12, T. 4 N., R. 22 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately 11.25 acres.

(b) **CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable, but not later than 2 years, after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in paragraph (2) for use in connection with health and social services programs.

(2) **PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**—The property referred to in paragraph (1), including all land and appurtenances, described in this paragraph is the property included in U.S. Survey 1496, lots 4 and 7, partially surveyed T. 55 S., R. 63 E., Copper River Meridian, containing approximately 10.87 acres in Sitka, Alaska.

(c) **CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO THE ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—As soon as practicable, but not later than 1 year, after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska, all right, title, and interest of the

United States in and to the property described in paragraph (2) for use in connection with health programs.

(2) **PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**—The property referred to in paragraph (1), including all land, improvements, and appurtenances, is the following:

(A) Lot 1A in Block 31A, East Addition, Anchorage Townsite, United States Survey No. 408, Plat No. 96-117, recorded on November 22, 1996, in the Anchorage Recording District.

(B) Block 32C, East Addition, Anchorage Townsite, United States Survey No. 408, Plat No. 96-118, recorded on November 22, 1996, in the Anchorage Recording District.

SEC. 4. CONDITIONS OF THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTIES.

(a) **CONDITIONS.**—The conveyance of the properties under section 3—

(1) shall be made by warranty deed; and

(2) shall not—

(A) require any consideration from the Consortia or the Council for the property;

(B) impose any obligation, term, or condition on the Consortia or the Council regarding the property; or

(C) allow for any reversionary interest of the United States in the property.

(b) **EFFECT ON ANY QUITCLAIM DEED.**—The conveyance by the Secretary of title by warranty deed under subsection (a)(1) shall, on the effective date of the conveyance, supersede and render of no future effect any quitclaim deed to the properties described in section 3 executed by the Secretary and the Consortia or the Council.

SEC. 5. ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.

(a) **LIABILITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Consortia nor the Council shall be liable for any soil, surface water, groundwater, or other contamination resulting from the disposal, release, or presence of any environmental contamination on any portion of the property described in section 3 that occurred on or before the date on which the Consortia or the Council controlled, occupied, and used the properties.

(2) **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION.**—An environmental contamination described in paragraph (1) includes any oil or petroleum products, hazardous substances, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, pollutants, toxic substances, solid waste, or any other environmental contamination or hazard as defined in any Federal or State of Alaska law.

(b) **EASEMENT.**—The Secretary shall be accorded any easement or access to the property conveyed under this Act as may be reasonably necessary to satisfy any retained obligation or liability of the Secretary.

(c) **NOTICE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE ACTIVITY AND WARRANTY.**—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall comply with section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

(d) **LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.**—The provisions in this section apply only to the property conveyances specifically required by this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BENTZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their re-

marks and include extraneous material on the matter under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 441, the Don Young Alaska Native Health Care Land Transfers Act of 2022, serves as a testament to the legacy of advocacy that the late dean of the House and our friend, Don Young of Alaska, provided Alaska Natives.

This particular legislation was something that he was urging—as recently as right before his passing, before we all left—upon me to move as quickly as possible, and I am glad that we have been able to get it to this point.

This legislation directs the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to convey certain parcels of land to the Tanana Tribal Council, the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for the purpose of expanding social and healthcare services.

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Together, these three nonprofit entities support the Alaska Native communities as Tribal health and social service providers in both urban and rural settings.

The Tanana Tribal Council, located in Tanana, Alaska, provides outpatient services to Alaska Natives. Since the council is rurally located, healthcare services are often underfunded and harder to come by.

This legislation's conveyance of approximately 11.25 acres of land to the council will allow it to build a new facility and expand existing services to its Indian Health Service beneficiaries, thereby increasing the quality of care available.

The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium delivers care to Alaska Natives as one of the oldest and largest Native-run healthcare organizations in the United States. The consortium operates the Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, a 25-bed critical access facility located in Sitka, Alaska, which is in serious need of renovation due to its age and current condition.

This legislation's conveyance of roughly 10.87 acres of land to the consortium will facilitate the planned modernization of the hospital by granting the consortium title to the acreage.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium serves the healthcare needs of thousands of Alaska Native and American Indian patients in south-central Alaska. The consortium provides medical services at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska, and provides wellness programs, disease research and prevention, rural provider trainings, as well as water and sanitation systems construction.

This legislation will grant the consortium ownership over two parcels of land totaling approximately 3.5 acres, thus allowing the consortium to streamline its operations and conduct building refurbishments without reliance on the Federal Government.

My late friend and colleague, Representative Don Young, championed these three land transfers, now combined into H.R. 441, to promote health equity among rural Alaska Natives. His work on behalf of Indian Country never ceased throughout his time in Congress.

I am grateful that we are here today to support this legislation and these three critical Tribal health entities in Alaska, a reminder of the support that Indian Country received from Don Young.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill and call for its swift passage, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BENTZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 441, as amended, that will direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Indian Health Service, to convey by warranty deed and for health-related activities certain parcels of Federal land to the Tanana Tribal Council, the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

This amended text is a compilation of three separate Indian healthcare land transfer bills for the State of Alaska introduced by the late Congressman Don Young. All three of these bills were favorably reported out of the Committee on Natural Resources by unanimous consent during this Congress.

The first land transfer directed under this act includes 10.25 acres of land in Tanana, Alaska. In 1995, the Tanana Tribal Council assumed responsibility for healthcare services from the Indian Health Service. The parcel of land the Tribe is seeking title to encompasses a portion of a former Indian Health Service hospital site. The council intends to use the land to construct a new community wellness clinic, expand eldercare, and develop nursing services.

The second transfer includes 10.87 acres of land that is part of the Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital campus in Sitka, Alaska. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium is a Native-run nonprofit health organization that assumed responsibility for providing healthcare services from the Indian Health Service in 1976 and currently operates its Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka. The consortium intends to use the parcel to support future hospital expansion and replacement.

The third land transfer under this act includes 3.5 acres of land that is part of the Alaska Native Medical Center campus in Anchorage. In 1999, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium assumed responsibility for healthcare services from the Indian Health Serv-

ice, and the consortium provides comprehensive medical services at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

The ANTHC is the largest Native-run nonprofit health organization in the United States, serving more than 178,000 Native Alaskans. Gaining title to the parcels will enable the ANTHC to streamline its operations, update and refurbish, and expand the hospital's capacity to offer health services to patients outside of Anchorage.

Before I conclude, I will take a moment to again recognize all the hard work Congressman Young put into serving his constituents and, notably, his work for Native people in Alaska during his tenure in Congress. I think it is more than appropriate that we are renaming this legislation after the late dean of the House, further memorializing his efforts for Native Alaskans. Mr. Young will be deeply missed by all of us.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative BENTZ for his work on these pieces of legislation today and acknowledge his work on Representative MENG's H.R. 3525, in particular. There were difficult things to navigate there, and we appreciate the effort on his part. Hopefully, we were as cooperative.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 441, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, the conveyance of certain property to the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium located in Sitka, Alaska, and the conveyance of certain property to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Ms. PORTER) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

AMERICAN FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 497) to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants, and for other purposes on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 11, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 126]

YEAS—404

Adams	Cherfilus-	Franklin, C.
Aderholt	McCormick	Scott
Aguilar	Chu	Fulcher
Allen	Cielline	Gaetz
Allred	Clark (MA)	Gallagher
Amodei	Clarke (NY)	Galligo
Armstrong	Cleaver	Garamendi
Arrington	Cline	Garbarino
Auchincloss	Cloud	Garcia (CA)
Axne	Clyburn	Garcia (IL)
Babin	Clyde	Garcia (TX)
Bacon	Cohen	Gibbs
Baird	Cole	Gimenez
Balderson	Comer	Gohmert
Banks	Connolly	Golden
Barr	Cooper	Gomez
Barragan	Correa	Gonzales, Tony
Beatty	Costa	Gonzalez,
Bentz	Courtney	Vicente
Bera	Craig	Gooden (TX)
Bergman	Crawford	Gottheimer
Beyer	Crenshaw	Granger
Bice (OK)	Crist	Graves (LA)
Bilirakis	Cuellar	Graves (MO)
Bishop (GA)	Curtis	Green (TN)
Bishop (NC)	Davids (KS)	Green, Al (TX)
Blumenauer	Davidson	Griffith
Blunt Rochester	Davis, Danny K.	Grothman
Boebert	Davis, Rodney	Guest
Bonamici	Dean	Guthrie
Bost	DeFazio	Harder (CA)
Bourdeaux	DeGette	Harris
Boyle, Brendan	DeLauro	Harshbarger
F.	DelBene	Hartzler
Brady	Delgado	Hayes
Brooks	Demings	Hern
Brown (MD)	DeSaulnier	Herrell
Brown (OH)	DesJarlais	Herrera Beutler
Brownley	Deutch	Hice (GA)
Buchanan	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (LA)
Buck	Dingell	Higgins (NY)
Bucshon	Doggett	Hill
Burchett	Donalds	Himes
Burgess	Duncan	Hinson
Bush	Dunn	Hollingsworth
Bustos	Ellzey	Horsford
Butterfield	Emmer	Houlihan
Calvert	Escobar	Hoyer
Cammack	Eshoo	Hudson
Carbajal	Espallat	Huffman
Cárdenas	Estes	Huizenga
Carey	Evans	Issa
Carl	Fallon	Jackson
Carson	Feenstra	Jackson Lee
Carter (GA)	Ferguson	Jacobs (CA)
Carter (LA)	Fischbach	Jacobs (NY)
Carter (TX)	Fitzgerald	Jayapal
Case	Fitzpatrick	Jeffries
Casten	Fleischmann	Johnson (GA)
Castor (FL)	Fletcher	Johnson (LA)
Castro (TX)	Foster	Johnson (OH)
Cawthorn	Fox	Johnson (SD)
Chabot	Frankel, Lois	Johnson (TX)
Cheney		Jones